(c) the details of the States which have enforced restrictions On the movement of foodgrains; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The policy of Central Government *is* to treat the entire country as a single food zone and the State Governments/Union Territory Administration's have been regularly requested to remove movement restrictions if any, for foodgrains .

(b) and (c) All the State Governments except Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Union Territory of Pondicherry have informed that either they have no movement restrictions on foodgrains or they have removed the existing restrictions. States of Anihra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and Union Territory of Pondicherry have imposed restricitons on movement of rice|paddy.

(d) Recently, meetings have been held with the officials of the concerned State Government/Union Territory and they have been requested to review their existing policy of restrictions on movement of foodgrains.

Lifting of sugar quota directly from Sugar Mills

6070. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD toe pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ,the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has decided to lift sugar quota directly from Sugar Mills instead of from FCI for Public Distribution System (PDS) in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the details there-of:

(c) whether Goverment propose to extend similar facilities to the other State Governments also; and

(d) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) There is a proposal under the con-sideration of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to take Over the distribution of levy sugar from the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

(c) and (*d)* Government of India has been persuading other States also to take over-levy sugar distribution work from FCI.

Allocation of Sugar to M.P,

6071. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI; Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government provide sugar quota to the State On the basis of population;

(b) whether the quota provided to Madhya Pradesh is on the basis of population of 1986 (5.1 crores);

(c) if so, whether according to 1991-census the population has been registered at 6.60 crores.

(d) whether Government have not increased the sugar quota of Madhya Pradesh in lieu of the increased population;

(e) if so, whether the Government of M.P. has toeen urging the centre to raise the quota to meet the demands for increased population of Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) by what time Government la considering to raise the sugar quota of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Under the present policy of partial control, monthly allocations of levy sugar to most of the States/Union Territories are being made on uniform norms of ensuring 425 kms. per capita monthly availability for the projected population as on 1-10-1986. These norms are effective from 1-2-1987. Accordingly, about 3.35 lakh tonnes of levy sugar is being allocated on a monthly basis for distribution under the Public Distribution System for the entire country. In addition to the above, Government releases about one lakh tonnes of levy-sugar per annum as festival quota, which is allocated to the States|Union Territories in proportion to their monthly allocations. On the above basis, the levy sugar allocation for Madhya Pradesh (for 5.89 crores population as on 1-10-1986) i as under: —

(i) Monthly quata 25031 MTs.

(ii) Festival quota 7536 MTs.

(c) The population of Madhya Pradesh has been projected at 6.50 crores as on 1-10-1991.

(d) The Government has not in creased the levy sugar quota of Mad hya Pradesh on the basis of increase in population due to limited availabili ty of levy sugar. However, Govern ment had allowed 5 per cent ad-hoc increase in the monthly allocations of all States/Union Territories from Au gust. 1991 in view of the then increas ed availability of sugar. The share of Madhya Pradesh was 1252 Metric Tonnes. This 5 per cent ad-hoc in crease of all States|Union Territories has been withdrawn from April, 1994 due to limited availability of levy sugar and also due to fall in production of sugar in 1992-93 and 1993-94 sugar season.

(e) In the recent past no demand has been received from Madhya Pra- desh Government to enhance the levy sugar quota.

(f) In view of the limited availability of levy sugar, it will not be possible at present to increase the levy sugar allocations to provide for the popula- tion increase between 1986 and 1991.

Procurement of wheat by FCI

6072. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India is going to launch an ambitious plan for wheat procurement for the current Rabi season to keep up the public distribution system in top gear;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this year's procurement will be lesser than pre" vious year procurement and the amount of subsidy which has been granted to the Food Corporation of India for public distribution system has also been reduced this year as compared to the previous year;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons for reduction in the procurement and the amount of subsidy granted this year in comparison to the previous year; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to cover up the shortfall in procurement and subsidy during the ensuring Kharif season or next Rabi season ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India in collaboration with State Governments/State procuring agencies has started procuring wheat from 1st April, 1994 in the current Rabi Marketing Season 1994-95 through about 8000 purchase centres at the Minimum Support Price of Rs. 350/- per quintal.

(c) to (c) A quantity of 53.52 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured by